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SUBJ: BOLIVIAN HUNGER STRIKE ENDS

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1. THE EVENING OF JANUARY 18, THE TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HUNGER STRIKE, LUIS ADOLFO SILES SALINAS AND FATHER TUMIRI ANNOUNCED IN A SHORT STATEMENT THAT THEY HAD AGREED TO THE GOVERNMENT'S LAST PROPOSAL AND WERE ENDING THE STRIKE. THE GOVERNMENT STATEMENT INCLUDED AN UNCONDITIONAL GENERAL AMENESTY FOR POLITICAL EXILES, PERSONS IMPRISONED FOR POLITICAL AND LABOR CRIMES (ALREADY AMNESTIED IN DECEMBER) PERSONS UNDER MOVEMENT OR ACTIVITY RESTRICTIONS AND HUNGER STRIKES. THE PREVIOUS CONCESSIONS ON REINSTATING PERSONS WHO LOST THEIR JOBS FOR POLITICAL REASONS, ETC. WERE REITERATED.

2. FATHER TUMIRI TOLD EMBOFF JAN 19 THAT STRIKERS ARE PLEASED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH SETTLEMENT AND THAT THOSEHUNGER STRIKERS STILL DETAINED BY POLICE WERE IN PROCESS OF BEING RELEASED. SO FAR INDICATIONS ARE THAT POLICE ARREST AND DETENTION OF HUNGER STRIKERS WAS PERFORMED IN HUMANITARIAN AND CORRECT MANNER, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE A FEW COMPLAINTS OF MINOR MISTREATMENT

- 3. NEWSPAPERS AND RADIOS ARE ON STRIKE NATIONWIDE JANUARY 19, BUT OTHERWISE ALL APPEARS NORMAL IN LA PAZ.
- 4. GOB SECRETARY GENERAL OF PRESIDENCY TAPIA TOLD POLÆCOM COUNSELOR BY TELEPHONE THAT THE GOB IS VERY PLEASED TO HAVE STRIKE SETTLED AND INTENDS TO PROCEED WITH DETERMINATION WITH ITS PLAN TO BRING THE NATION TO ELECTIONS IN JULY, 1978.

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